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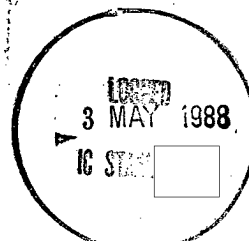
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Requirements and Evaluations, ICS

FROM: Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

SUBJECT: Establishment of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR)  
Users Group

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1. The COFIR is used by several organizations engaged in planning systems for collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination. Such organizations include ODE, Program A, and the Navy. Some of these organizations have been using the document in its previous incarnation as the Future Intelligence Requirements Forecast (FIRF) as well as the FIRF(I) put out by COMIREX. These planning activities have been associated with future imagery and SIGINT systems. The IPC Staff has also provided specialized excerpts from the COFIR to MASINT Committee representatives for their planning activities.

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2. These activities are occurring largely in isolation from one another. However, my staff and I believe it would be valuable to those involved with the COFIR to get together to discuss their uses of this document. By doing so, we can keep each other apprised of our applications and also generate new ideas for improving the usefulness of the COFIR.

3. Only the COMIREX, which got the FIRF started, has carried out the development of future needs to a logical conclusion by putting together the FIRF(I) which spells out the collection strategies to respond to the requirements in the COFIR. We want to encourage other Committees to adopt the COFIR as their definitive set of requirements and build on them just as COMIREX has done.

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4. I am, therefore, organizing a COFIR Users Group, which will meet aperiodically to share experiences in working with the document. A prospectus is attached. We will hold the first meeting of this group in early June and would like you to address the gathering. We can provide you with an outline of appropriate points you may want to make with the group on that occasion.

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P.S. We are presently developing an agenda that will include several briefings by COFIR users. A lot of attendees and participants is also being developed.

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## Prospectus

### COFIR Users Group

This prospectus sets forth the functions of a Users Group associated with the Compendium of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR).

The COFIR contains statements of requirements for intelligence information for five, 10, and 15 years into the future. These statements are intended to serve as the baseline requirements for the planning of future systems for collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination.

The COFIR is being used by several organizations that have little contact with each other relative to future planning. The Intelligence Producers Council Staff believes that there is a need for a Users Group to enable COFIR users to share their experiences with the document.

This Users Group will consist of representatives from those Executive Branch organizations that rely on the COFIR for planning.

The purpose of this Group will be to provide an informal forum for discussions about the COFIR with the aim of improving its usefulness. Specifically, the Group will meet aperiodically to:

- exchange ideas on uses of the COFIR,
- air problems with the database, and
- discuss possible improvements.

Membership on the Users Group is open to all organizations involved with the COFIR. Organizations represented on the Intelligence Producers Council will be permanent members of the Group, and representatives of the production and collection committees are encouraged to participate.

The Intelligence Producers Council Staff, which manages the COFIR, will chair the Users Group and handle all administrative details related to its activities.

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